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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference FP20428	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

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☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

Box No. IV \ Text of the Abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A scarifier (10) for cutting turf includes a frame (11) supported on wheels (13) and a plurality of circular cutting blades co-axially mounted on a rotor shaft (18) supported by the frame (11). Driving means (14, 15, 16, 17) drives the rotor shaft (18) to rotate the blades. Adjustment means (31) adjust the relative position of the wheels (13) and the rotor shaft (18), thereby adjusting the height of the rotor shaft (18) off the ground.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: A01B 45/02; A01G 1/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI, US and EP databases with keywords (eg scarifier, height, wheel, blade)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y	GB 2279221 A (SISIS EQUIPMENT (MACCLESFIELD) LIMITED) 4 January 1995 Entire document	1-7, 12-14 8-11, 18-24
X Y	GB 2164231 A (SISIS EQUIPMENT (MACCLESFIELD) LIMITED (UNITED KINGDOM)) 19 March 1986 Entire document	1-7, 12-14 8-11, 18-24
X Y	EP 472103 B (SABO-MASCHINENFABRIK AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT) 4 May 1994 Entire document	1-5, 15-17, 25-29 18-24

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	GB 2268385 A (JUKES) 12 January 1994 Entire document	1-5, 15-17, 25-29 18-24
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X	GB 2301012 A (SABO-MASCHINENFABRIK GmbH) 27 November 1996 Entire document	1-5
Y	US 4028868 A (ZEHRUNG, Jr) 14 June 1977 Entire document	8-11, 21-23
Y	DE 29708651 U1 (VIKING-UMWELTTECHNIK GES.m.b.H) 28 August 1997 Entire document	9-11
	<p>Note: The following claims lack an inventive step:</p> <p>(i) Claim 8 with respect to GB 2279221 or GB 2164231 when either is combined with US 4028868</p> <p>(ii) Claims 9-11 each with respect to GB 2279221 or GB 2164231 when either is combined with US 4028868 and then with DE 29708651</p> <p>(iii) Claims 18, 19, 20, 24 each with respect to EP 472103 or GB 2268385 when either is combined with GB 2279221 or GB 2164231</p> <p>(iv) Claims 21-23 each with respect to EP 472103 or GB 2268385 when either is combined with US 4028868 and then with GB 2279221 or GB 2164231</p>	

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member	
GB	2279221	NIL	
GB	2164231	NIL	
EP	0472103	DE	4026738
GB	2268385	NIL	
GB	2301012	FR	2734449
		NL	1002883
US	4028868	NIL	
DE	29708651	NIL	

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